Dear Engineering Freshmen,

Please take careful note of the important information below as you prepare for the module registration exercise for Semester 2, AY2016/2017 which will be carried out using the Centralised Online Registration System or CORS. Please visit this site for more information about CORS (also see "how to use CORS").

1. **Group Allocation and Module Pre-allocation**

Similar to Semester 1, each Year 1 Engineering student will be strictly assigned to a group (A01, A02, A03 etc.) depending on your Department. Please refer to the notification email that we have sent to you on your group allocation. After checking on your assigned group, please check this link for each group’s class schedule (lectures/tutorials/lab classes).

Students in each group who are required to read the following module(s), based on your department's "recommended study plan" will be pre-allocated these Year 1 modules:

- 1 bid point will be deducted from your Program account for each pre-allocated module.

While the lectures will be pre-allocated by 4 Jan 2017, the tutorials & labs will be pre-allocated by 13 Jan 2017.

The following group of students will not be pre-allocated one or a few of the Year 1 Common modules, if:

- A student was supposed to be pre-allocated a Year 1 common module (e.g. CS1010E) in Semester 1 but chose not to read it, he/she will not be pre-allocated CS1010E in Semester 2
- A student was pre-allocated a Year 1 common module (e.g. CS1010E) in Semester 1 but chose to drop it, he/she will not be pre-allocated CS1010E in Semester 2
- A student obtained a ‘F’ or ‘U’ grade for Year 1 common core module(s), would not be pre-allocated the same module (except for MA1505)
- A student was supposed to be pre-allocated ES1531 in Semester 1 but did not meet its module pre-requisites then, he/she will not be pre-allocated ES1531 in Semester 2

Such students will have to BID for the missing Year 1 common modules from Round 1A (Thursday, 29 Dec 2016, 9 am):

**IMPORTANT**: Students may bid for Unrestricted Elective/General Education/English modules in CORS from Round 1A. Please click here to know which bidding round you can start placing your bid for modules (this depends on the module type). Before you bid for any module, please take note of your group allocation and thus the class schedule for your pre-allocated modules. Please do NOT bid for module(s) which has a timetable clash with your pre-allocated set of modules. Besides the loss of bid points, there is a possibility of delays in graduation if these pre-allocated modules are later dropped. Requests to change pre-allocated classes will not be accommodated.

Please:

- take note of the dates mentioned above,
- regularly check your official NUS email account & department websites for important announcements,
• use your official NUS Email accounts when communicating with the various NUS units for prompt follow-ups,
• note that dropping modules beyond a certain period of time will result in a ‘W’ (Withdrawal) or ‘F’ (Fail) grade (click here for important deadlines concerning the award of “W” / “F” grades).

2. **Workload Policy**

The University requires full-time students to read a minimum of 18 MCs per semester. The maximum workload for students with a CAP of less than 2.0 will be 20 MCs for all rounds. For all other students, the maximum workload is 23 MCs for Rounds 1 and 2, and 25 MCs for Round 3 onwards.

Students may appeal with supporting reasons for an increase of workload via the CORS appeal process (Appeal type: H006 - Encountered workload problems during bidding). Such appeals will be routed to the respective Departments and priority will be given to those students who enrolled in special programs (e.g. DDP, CDP, etc.).

3. **ES1000 Basic English & ES1103 English for Academic Purposes**

Students who are required to read ES1000/ES1103 may bid for these modules from Round 1A.

Please visit here for the module timetables.

4. **Compulsory Writing & Communications Modules for Engineering students: ES1531 & ES2331**

Students admitted in AY2016 are required to read a Critical Thinking & Writing (CTW) module and a Communications module; ES1531 Critical Thinking & Writing and ES2331 Communicating Engineering offered by the Centre for English Language Communication (CELC) would meet these requirements. Students are advised to read ES1531 in their 1st year of study as it is a pre-requisite for EG2401 Engineering Professionalism and also provides a good foundation for ES2331 Communicating Engineering.

Students for whom ES1531 is part of their Department’s recommended schedule this semester (i.e. Year 1 Semester 2) and are eligible to read ES1531, will be pre-allocated this module.

The following department students will be pre-allocated ES1531 in AY2016/17 Semester 2: MPE, CEG, EE, CVE (poly-intake only), EVE, MSE

Good performance in the writing & communications modules (i.e., ES1531, ES2331 and/or ES1501X) is an indicator of the ability of students to communicate well and this would be an important factor in the selection of students for special programmes including the Student Exchange Programme (SEP).

Students in Computer Engineering (CEG), University Scholars Program (USP) and University Town Residential Program (UTRP) should refer to the respective program website for details on their Writing and Communications module requirement (to be taken in lieu of the Faculty of Engineering’s Writing and Communications modules).

5. **GER1000 Quantitative Reasoning and GEQ1000 Asking Questions**
Under the General Education (GE) Curriculum, implemented in AY2015/16, GE modules are divided into 5 pillars – Human Cultures, Singapore Studies, Thinking and Expression, Quantitative Reasoning, and Asking Questions.

i. There is only be one module offered under the Quantitative Reasoning pillar, which is GER1000 – Quantitative Reasoning.

GER1000 will be pre-allocated to AY2016 students based on their Departmental "recommended study plan".

The following department students will be pre-allocated GER1000 in AY2016/17 Semester 2: BME, CHE, CVE (normal-intake only), EE (poly-intake only), ESP, ISE, ENG

All students who have not read GER1000 in AY2016/17 Semester 1 will also be pre-allocated.

Students are to ballot for their own tutorial class in Tutorial Iteration 1. There are over 100 tutorial slots for students to choose from. As with other modules, students are allowed to rank up to 20 slots.

All appeals regarding this module is to be sent via CORS Appeal.

- For request to drop the module please use the queue “Request to remove preallocated module lecture and/or tutorial”.
- For request to add the module please use the queue “Request to be preallocated GER1000 in current Semester”.

For students matriculated in AY2016/17 onwards: All students, including those in University Scholars Programme (USP) and University Town College Programme (UTCP), would have to read GER1000 as part of their University Level Requirements. More information on Quantitative Reasoning can be found here.

ii. The “Asking Questions” pillar will be launched with effect from Semester 2, AY2016/17. All students admitted in AY2016/17 and beyond (except those from RVRC, and those taking the full USP/UTCP) will be required to read a module from the “Asking Questions” pillar to fulfil the GE requirements.

The following department students will be pre-allocated GEQ1000 in AY2016/17 Semester 2: CHE, EE (normal-intake only), MPE (normal-intake only), CEG (poly-intake only)

Students are to ballot for their own tutorial class in Tutorial Iteration 1. For queries about GEQ1000, you can email to askq@nus.edu.sg with your NUS email account and please state your matriculation number (Axxxxxxx).

6. **ULR - University Level Requirements (General Education Modules) & UE (Unrestricted Electives)**

Please click here for information on ULR modules that are especially on offer for Engineering students from Round 1A.

Please refer to the requirements of your Department’s degree programme. You are advised to carefully plan the use of the UE and ULR-Breadth components, which can be used simultaneously to satisfy the requirements of a
number of exciting programmes such as the FoE Enhancement, Double-degree, Double-Major and Minor programmes. For students admitted from AY2014/2015 onwards, a minimum 60% of Programme/Major/Second Major credits must be earned from NUS modules which are defined as all modules taught, co-taught, supervised or co-supervised by one or more NUS faculty members. Please see here for more details.

In the event that you are unable to get the preferred module(s) or time-slot, please try again in the subsequent bidding rounds. Students should ONLY submit their appeals for ULR modules via CORS Appeal after Round 3B ends (i.e., 10 Jan 2017, 2301hrs onwards). Please submit your appeals in the following Appeal Type:

• For Non-graduating Students: "Unable to secure module (Only available after bidding round 3B ends)"

Appeals filed before Round 3B will not be considered. For ULR modules offered/hosted by other Faculties/Departments, please DO NOT approach these host Faculties/Departments or the module lecturers as we (Faculty of Engineering, as your home Faculty) will collate all appeals and submit them to host faculty/departments for their consideration. All appeals must be filed via CORS latest by 27 Jan 2017. Please click here for more information on CORS Appeals.

7. Other Important information/advisories

To ensure timely completion of your graduation requirements, please take careful note of the information in this email and also the requirements of your respective degree programme. Please see the NUS Bulletin & your respective department websites for details about your degree requirements and other important information.

For enquires concerning the above issues, please email engna@nus.edu.sg. Please use your official NUS Email accounts when communicating with us and please also include your matric number. Students are reminded not to send multiple appeals/queries as this will only delay the process. Depending on the volume of appeals/queries received, response time may vary.

For enquiries on our specific programme, please contact your respective department (see here for contact info).